

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Chief, FBIS

DATE: 8 April 1964

FROM : Chief, Panama Bureau

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - March 1964

I. GENERAL

- A. Estimates and plans for modifications of the building were sought from the Panama Canal Company and two private contractors.
- B. A recommendation pertaining to the Bureau monitorial T/O was submitted separately.
- C. Aspects of the long-term housing situation were reported separately.

II. OPERATIONS

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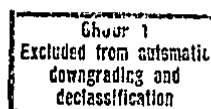
A. Monitorial

Monitor/trainee [] a talented translator, was terminated for inability to adjust to office routine. A replacement is being recruited.

B. Liaison

- 1. Canal Zone Government exhibits presented to the OAS and International Jurist committees investigating the January incidents, which were based on FBIS material and prepared with Bureau assistance, were forwarded to Headquarters.
- 2. FBIS agreed to prepare a daily Review of Latin American Broadcasts for key military consumers, but by the end of the month USARSOUTH had not formalized its request in writing, as promised, and the project was held in abeyance.
- 3. Local interest in Panama radio material continued strong, as evidenced by frequent phone calls and special requests. An ONI request for an updated list of ownerships of Panamanian radios was met.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Accounts and records were checked by the auditor; Bureau comments were forwarded to Headquarters separately.
- B. Col. Hartley F. Dame, USARSOUTH G-2, retired; his replacement is Col. F. E. Van Tassel.
- C. Editor [] and family departed on PCS to London. Son [] remains in the Zone until June to complete the college semester.
- D. [] was designated Bureau Security Officer vice []

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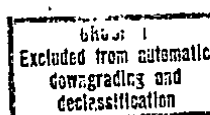
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Attachments:

- 1. Classified Personnel Report
- 2. Foreign Personnel Report
- 3. Technical Attachment
- 4. Operations Attachment

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OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT - Panama Bureau - March 1964

1. Net publishable wordage wirefiled to Headquarters:

Panama	79,810
Peru	37,810
Venezuela	21,450
Argentina	17,550
Colombia	11,390
Bolivia	9,900
Brazil	8,350
Costa Rica	8,070
Honduras	5,980
Ecuador	4,490
Nicaragua	910
Mexico	610
Paraguay	370
Uruguay	320
Guatemala	60
Chile	50

Total	207,180
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2. Special watches were instituted on Brazil at the outbreak of the Marine rebellion which led to the overthrow of President Goulart.

3. The Cruising Monitor prepared newscast schedules and other technical information on 35 Panama radio and television stations for

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4. The Bureau began a compilation of newscasts audible from 19 Latin American countries and the Caribbean area. Countries which have proved difficult to monitor, such as Guatemala, El Salvador, and Bolivia, are being done first. It is anticipated the list will provide a reservoir of information that will aid in Bureau coverage planning.

TECHNICAL ATTACHMENT - Panama Bureau - March 1964

I. Reception

Interference blanked out weaker stations in Argentina, Uruguay, and San Salvador.

II. Projects

- A. A new antenna for the TV receiver, and a lead-in from an abandoned doublet, were installed.
- B. Four new KSR model 28 teletype machines were assembled and put into operation.
- C. The audio patch panel was expanded to add flexibility in recording and feeding programs to monitors; temporary lines were laid to monitoring positions 1, 2, and 5 pending permanent installation of new panels.
- D. Crystals were installed on SP600 receivers to receive AFP, ANSA, and EPN. This was especially helpful during the Brazilian crisis when Collins receivers were needed for cruising and recording additional programs.
- E. Authority was received from Headquarters to dispose of obsolete electronic and teletype equipment. ✓

III. Outages

There was a five-minute outage on the incoming teletype circuit, and a power outage of one hour on two occasions.